

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to his attorney, Richard J. Katz, during a Telephone Interview held on December 8, 2005. During the Interview proposed amendments to claims 4 and 7 were discussed, which the Examiner later received via email. Subsequently, the Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments to claims 4 and 7 would overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections, and that the amendments would be considered in this After Final Amendment.

Status of the Claims

Claims 4-7 are pending.

Claims 1-3 have been previously withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 7 have been amended to better set forth the subject matter contained therein without narrowing their scope. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciatively acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 5 and 6.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claims 4 and 7, and submits that claims 4 and 7 are now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Final Office Action dated September 14, 2005 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 4-7 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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